

# Kent Ingle Named President of Southeastern University

✘ Southeastern

University has named Kent Ingle its next president. The appointment ends a 20-month search for the 75-year-old Lakeland university's new leader.

Southeastern University is the Assemblies of God's largest university.

Ingle, 48, is currently dean of the College of Ministry at Northwest University in Kirkland, Wash., another Assemblies of God school. He will take the reins as president of the private liberal arts school on Feb. 1.

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Blackburn, a member of the Board of Regents who chaired the Presidential Search Committee, says Ingle's recommendation came in the wake of grueling interviews and expansive evaluations by both the committee and SIMA International, an executive search firm retained for the hunt.

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**Marriage                  Group                  Tackles**

# Apple's Christian App Censorship

✘ The black turtleneck-and-blue-jeans-wearing Apple CEO Steve Jobs has landed smack dab in the middle of Christian censorship controversy.

In response to the iPhone-maker's decision to remove a pro-life app that supports traditional marriage from its iTunes Store, the National Organization for Marriage (NOM) has launched a [video](#) called "The Iconic Steve Jobs" that paints Jobs as "Big Brother."

"Steve Jobs built his reputation as an iconic marketer in the famous 1984 commercial for the Macintosh computer in which Apple promises to take on 'Big Brother,'" says Brian Brown, president of NOM. "Jobs has made billions taking on 'Big Brother' yet the irony is that in refusing to allow citizens to support pro-life and traditional marriage positions he's become the very 'Big Brother' he has decried."

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**Left Behind Games Finds**

# Christian Video Gaming Niche

✘ Parents who want to shield their kids from the violence of games such as *Grand Theft Auto* and *World of Warcraft* have an alternative this holiday shopping season: Left Behind (LB) Games.

“Retailers are showing more interest in LB Games, our Christian video game products,” says Troy Lyndon, CEO of Left Behind Games. “Over the past two years, we’ve invested in the development of the Christian video game market by giving away more than 50,000 PC games to our network of pastors who share our desire to provide healthier video game alternatives to their youth.”

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# Study Proves Power of Prayer in Violent Situations

✘ If you are a *Charisma* magazine reader, you already believe in the power of prayer. Now, university researchers are offering proof to a world characterized by violence.

According to a study out of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, people who choose to pray find personal comfort during hard times. Indeed, the 75 percent of Americans in

the study who pray on a weekly basis turn to conversation with God to manage a range of negative situations and emotions, including illness, sadness, trauma and anger.

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# Atheist Bus Ads Meet With Christian Resistance

✘ Call it a battle of the buses.

Fort Worth, Texas, is the scene of a showdown between a group of atheists and a God-loving businessman—on wheels.

Metroplex Atheists, part of the Dallas-Fort Worth Coalition for Reason, paid for ads on city buses that read, “Millions of people are good without God.”

Each ad features the words displayed over an image of an American flag made up of the faces of real atheist and agnostic people. Metroplex Atheists’ goal with the campaign is to comfort nonbelievers who feel alone during the Christmas season.

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# Habitat for Humanity 'Preaches' Gospel to the Poor

There's more  
than one way to preach the Gospel.

While five-fold  
ministers and missionary groups go to the nations, one  
ecumenical Christian  
ministry dedicated to the cause of eliminating poverty housing  
is finding  
success with a different approach.

Much like Jesus  
met the physical and spiritual needs of the lost, Habitat for  
Humanity is  
showing people the love of God by rehabbing, repairing and  
building new homes.

Habitat just announced that it has surpassed its 400,000<sup>th</sup>  
house  
milestone, reaching more than 2 million people around the  
world since the ministry  
launched in 1976.

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## Six Megathemes Emerge from

# Barna Group Research in 2010

Change usually happens slowly in the Church. But a review of the past year's research conducted by the Barna Group provides a time-lapse portrayal of how the religious environment in the U.S. is morphing into something new.

Analyzing insights drawn from more than 5,000 non-proprietary interviews conducted over the past 11 months, George Barna indicated that the following patterns were evident in the survey findings.

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## Bible Translators Aim At Closing Language Gap

Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. While much progress has been made, more than 2,000 languages—spoken by more than 350 million people—still lack translations of the Bible.

Now, Bible translators are aiming to close the gap with the next wave of translations that target yet unreached people groups—and offer study aids and new versions for nations where the Gospel is actively preached.

Biblica, which

has already translated the Bible into more than 100 languages, just took the Gospel one step further by offering the Word of God in Tagalog. Just other translators are publishing modern-language versions of the Scriptures, Biblica has released a Tagalog Bible in contemporary language for the Philippines' 85 million Tagalog speakers.

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## Jars of Clay Builds 1,000 Wells in Africa

✘ Jars of Clay plus "1,000 Wells" equals 70,000 Africans with clean drinking water.

That's the equation the Christian rock band hoped for when its Blood:Water Mission, a call to personalize the HIV/AIDS crisis in Africa, launched the 1,000 Wells Project, a five-year initiative to provide clean drinking water to 1,000 African communities.

Blood:Water Mission first stepped into funding a late stage AIDS hospice and discovered the vital link between living with HIV/AIDS and the need for clean water. As a result, Blood:Water Mission launched the 1000 Wells Project in

2005.

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# Christian Billionaire Pledges to Donate Half His Wealth

What does David Green have in common with Warren Buffet, Microsoft Chairman Bill Gates, and Facebook Founder Mark Zuckerberg? First, they are all billionaires. Second, they are all giving away half their wealth to charity.

The CEO of Hobby Lobby, Green, a devout Christian, is among a growing list of billionaires who have pledged to give away most of their money. Green and his wife, Barbara, are officially part of The Giving Pledge, an effort to invite the wealthiest individuals and families in America to commit to giving the majority of their wealth to the philanthropic causes and charitable organizations of their choice either during their lifetime or after their death.

“Coming from a family of preachers, the idea of giving back has been part of my life as long as I can remember,” Green wrote in his pledge letter. “My parents and their parents before them were what some would consider poor, but they gave back whenever they could whether through small contributions of money, or through acts of kindness,” God has blessed me with a wonderful family, a successful business and outstanding employees. I do not take these blessings lightly.”

When Hobby Lobby was created in the early 1970s, Green says he was committed to use his profits to help ministry work. He says knew from an early age that ministry work, at least in the sense of preaching from a pulpit, was not his calling. But, he adds, he also knew that God gifted him with a mind for

understanding business, and that gift would allow him to carry out God's work through contributions to great missions throughout the world.

"We honor the Lord in all we do by operating the company in a manner consistent with Biblical principles. From helping orphanages in faraway lands to helping ministries in America, Hobby Lobby has always been a tool for the Lord's work," Green wrote, pointing to a verse in 2 Corinthians that says, "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work...You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God."

*What's your take on wealth? Did Green make the right move?*